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Senior Colin Arnold mentors a student in the Music and Movement class. Arnold mentors a new student everyday in skills ranging from social awareness to physical activities. Classes are co-taught by Candace Boeh and Vanessa Parsons.

Students build bonds, teach peers

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Maryville High School launched a new program to help special education students bond with peer tutors in a general education class shaped to help both types of students. The new program is called Adaptive Music and Movement and Art. This is a first year program that's curriculum is on a trial and error basis. The program has general education students, called peer mentors, help teach Special Education (SPED) students music, art and

physical education (P.E.). The class is taught by co-teachers Candace Boeh and Vanessa Parsons. Boeh is the high school's special education teacher and Parsons is the vocal music teacher. Teaching a program with someone else is a different experience for the teachers compared to their typical classes. "I love co-teaching," Parsons said. "Who else gets to teach with their friends? That's really fun. It's different in that my teaching and planning to accommodate for needs is a bit more challenging. It's a different way of thinking of what I'm going to do, how I'm going to do it

for the hour." Every day, peer mentors are matched with a SPED student to do some sort of activity. Mondays and Wednesdays are music, Tuesdays and Thursdays are some sort of movement in the gym, and Fridays are typically art. Usually the activities for the week relate in some way or the other. Although this general education course is made for SPED students to learn, the peer mentors seem to be learning a lot, too.

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Voter registration made accessible for students

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Northwest students, regardless of where they are from, now have the opportunity to register to vote in Maryville for the upcoming election. Co-chairs of the Governmental Affairs Committee senior Anthony Ealy Jr. and sophomore Alyssa Lincoln are spearheading a program called Turbovote to get students registered to vote in Maryville. "We want to make it easier for students who don't live here to vote in the national and our general elections," Ealy said. "Sometimes it's a burden for students to go back home, its an hour away or two hours away, so we chose to find a tool that would help create a solution for this." Lincoln said Turbovote has proven to be the best option because it makes it easy for students to register. "It's very user friendly, it's kind of catering to a generation like ours. It's easy, it's a step by step process so that's very appealing to us as students," Lincoln said. "A lot of students are turned off by voting because they think it's hard and it's difficult and there are so many steps and processes and legalities, and this kind of opens up that door and says like, 'hey this is for you guys, too' so I think that is important for our students to know." Turbovote allows students to have the option of registering in their hometown or in Maryville. According to Lincoln, even if students are not originally from Maryville, they can still register to vote here during the duration of their education at Northwest. "As a college student here in Missouri, you're granted Missouri residence, as long as you plan on coming back over the summer," Lincoln said. "So that's why we would click 'yes, I live in Missouri' because we have that temporary residence." Lincoln said Student Senate en-

courages students to vote, even in the general elections for Maryville. One issue that will be on the ballot in November is the addition of a bed tax for those who stay in hotels in town. "It's going to be an extra tax added to your bill if you stay at a hotel here in Maryville, and it's going to go to fund a sports complex and that is something students can vote on if they register in Maryville," Lincoln said. "The city really wants students to vote for that because we make up a large chunk of this town and, historically, our voices haven't been heard and they really want that to change this year, they want to know how we feel about it." Ealy also offered advice about voting in general elections in Maryville and encourages students to do their research before voting. "Don't let local issues trick you, don't let politicians out here trick you into not researching who they are and what they stand for before you chose to vote," Ealy said. "(Don't vote for them) just because you've heard of them, or they may have a campaign somewhere around Maryville and their opponent doesn't. Just always make sure you do your research." Ealy also said this is something the Governmental Affairs Committee chose to do for students, because the committee feels voting is important and every student should be able to be involved. "One of the first things our advisor told us was that he didn't want us to feel like this is something we had to do because the administration said we had to do it, but instead if we chose to do it we would go about it that way," Ealy said. "We just chose to push it and book the info tables every week and set up meetings with the Center for Information and Technology and work with Kori (Hoffmann) and the administration to push Turbovote." Lincoln said part of the reason

there has been such a great turnout this year is because the stakes are higher in this year's election. "There is a bigger stake in the game here because there is a presidential election coming up," Lincoln said. "And the senate has always been the body that registers voters, so I think it's kind of expected of us." While students can register to vote from campus online, there will be no polling place on campus for this election. Students will have to vote at the polling place in Maryville. "We didn't get a polling place this year," Lincoln said. "We had one four years ago, but they weren't impressed with our turnout. So I think we got it yanked from us, but we all know Maryville is a small town, it's a hop and a skip away." Another project Ealy and Lincoln are leading is a partnership with Safe Rides to get students to the polls. They have set up a poll on Canvas in Northwest Online to gauge how many students would make use of the service if it were provided. "We are taking it to the executive board to find out if we are going to partner with Safe Rides to get people to the polls," Ealy said. "We set up a poll for this purpose to figure out how many students would need a ride there because it is going to cost us money to partner." Lincoln said she wants to cut out every excuse and get every student who registered to vote to the polls.



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Campus, community promote job training workshops

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Northwest Missouri State University partners with the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce to offer workplace-related opportunities to students, faculty and staff, and Maryville residents. Coordinator of Student Employment Paula McLain says the recent partnership benefits Northwest Missouri State University, as well as area businesses and their professionals. "When we started the Career Pathing program, years ago, we originally built the program for our student employees here on-campus," McLain said. "After one or two Career Pathing sessions, we decided we should open the program to our staff members, so they could benefit from the trainings as well." McLain adds that four to five years after opening Career Pathing to Northwest staff members, Human Resources decided to open the program to a broader audience. "Around this time, budget cuts were made across the board and it became difficult for businesses to provide training,"

McLain said. "So, Human Resources thought, 'Why not open Career Pathing up and provide area businesses an opportunity for inexpensive training?' But not only does it provide businesses with an opportunity to send their professionals to training, but students get to benefit from setting alongside professionals in the field and learn as they learn. This way, you can learn from each other as you interact. So, it's really a win-win." Seven workplace-related opportunities will be offered this fall. Each presentation will last 60 to 90 minutes and will be held in the J.W. Jones Student Union. The presentations, which are part of the University's Career Pathing Program, are free to Northwest students, faculty and staff. Each presentation costs \$25 for Maryville Chamber of Commerce members and \$40 for non-members. McLain says the presentations are built around personal and professional development, anything that affects an individual personally or professionally. "We have eight Career Pathing sessions a trimester," McLain said.

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Pay it Forward Food Pantry provides non-perishable foods and personal hygiene items to students and faculty facing financial challenges.

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Northwest introduces new public food pantry

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Students and faculty now can utilize a new on campus resource to ensure that food remains an option.

The Pay it Forward Food Pantry opened its doors Monday, Sept. 19. It offers many types of non-perishable food goods in addition to personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, feminine products and toothpaste.

Northwest Missouri State University Office of Student Affairs worked together with The Pay it Forward Committee to put a plan for the pantry into action.

After receiving multiple reports of students needing drastic assis-

tance financially, Senior Assistant Director of Federal and State Programs Amee Wilmes stated that the committee recognized an issue and decided to fix it.

“For college students to be successful at a university they need to have three things. First, they have to have the ability shown in grades and test scores. Second, they need to have the willingness to go to university. Third they need to have the financial means,” said Wilmes. “If any one of those things is not in place they’re not going to be successful.”

Wilmes feels that, even with a community as close as Maryville it can still be difficult to recognize all the problems community members

may be facing.

“Over the past few years I’ve met with a lot of students who are having problems paying their bills. I think unless you experience these things, you cannot truly understand what these people are going through,” Wilmes said. “A lot of it is trying to educate people that there are students that are having these issues.”

The food pantry is set up in the Material Distribution Center across from the University Police Department.

It is accessible from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day of the week. Interested students and employees may access the food pantry by paying a visit to the University Police front

desk. Entry is permitted by presenting their Bearcat card to an University Police Officer.

Food donations are accepted at the Student Engagement Center in the J.W. Jones Student Union and at the University Police Department. Monetary donations should be sent to the Northwest Foundation and are tax deductible.

Executive Secretary of Student Affairs Sue Nickerson felt that student ideas and involvement could help to grow the food pantry.

“We’re looking forward to further collaboration with the students on campus,” Nickerson said. “Student organizations can help by putting on drives and the student input in general will be appreciated. We

hope that the pantry will start to sustain itself.”

Students can submit questions and ideas to foodpantry@mail.nw-missouri.edu.

The Food Pantry Committee consists of a diverse range of faculty including Nickerson, Wilmes, Coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion Edward Gibson IV, Director of Equity and Accessibility Becca Lawrence, University Police Chief Clarence Green, Senior Human Resources Generalist Anne Long, Senior Food Service Director Spencer Martin, Director of Advancement Services Lori Steiner and Greek Life Graduate Assistant Alex Taylor.

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Students named semi-finalists for national award

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Two Missouri Academy students achieved semifinalist status in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Academy students Gordon Fang and Randall Porter are among 16,000 other students who were recognized for their PSAT score. Semifinalists include the highest scoring participants from each state.

According to National Merit Scholarship Program website, the next step involves selecting finalists based upon academic performance, SAT score and letter of recommendation. Letters are sent out in February to the 15,000 students advancing to the finalist position. All winners of Merit Scholarship awards are selected from the finalist group.

Northwest Missouri State News Release show Missouri Academy Dean Cleo Samudzi’s delight upon the awarded students.

“Gordon Fang and Randall Porter represent all that is good about the Missouri Academy, and they deserve every bit of kudos coming their way,” said Samudzi. “They are quite deserving of the honor of being semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

The National Merit Scholarship program began in 1995, recognizing students for outstanding personal and academic performance. Approximately 1.6 million juniors, from 22,000 schools, take the PSAT each year. 7,500 students receive the sought after National Merit Scholarships.

Students are chosen based upon their abilities, skills and accomplishments without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin or religious preference.

When first informed about the PSAT Fang figured it would be worth his time to at least try.

“I remember that most people didn’t care much about it and I thought that since so many people weren’t caring about it, if I really try at it, I might have a chance, Fang said. “I took the practice test and was really ready. I went in there and I took it and I really didn’t feel like I did that well, but here I am now.”

Fang shared two pieces of advice for standardized test success.

“Make sure you actually practice. Practice tests are worth a lot,” said Fang. “The other is to have confidence, even if you didn’t study very much. If you have confidence it will ensure that you will perform better.”

Porter feels like the Missouri Academy has been a helpful choice in advancing his academic career.

“I think the Missouri Academy was very important in it. This is my second year and it’s wonderful,” said Porter. “I think I am doing much more here than I probably would have been at the high school I came from.”

Determination played a large roll in Porter’s success.

“It’s much easier if you are educated and a big part of that is being determined and you have to be determined to pursue the education,” Porter said.

According to their website, The Missouri Academy is an early entrance-to-college, two-year residential college that replaces the 11th and 12th grade years of traditional high school. Students leave with an Associate of Science degree as well as a high school diploma.

Cigarette tax increases on Missouri ballot

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Two rival cigarette tax initiatives will be pitted against each other on the upcoming Missouri ballot.

Proposition A and Missouri Constitutional Amendment Three will both be up for approval for Missouri voters.

Each of these ballot initiatives will impose tax increases on tobacco products over the span of an allotted amount of years.

Both taxes are backed by tobacco companies and funding will be distributed to different departments in Missouri. In the event both initiatives pass, the one with a more affirmative vote will go into effect.

Amendment Three would raise the cigarette tax 60 cents per pack by 2020, averaging out to 15 cents per year.

This would raise the cigarette tax from 17 to 77 cents. Amendment Three would also impose a 67 cent tax per pack on tobacco wholesalers. The amendment is often referred to as Missouri 60 Cent Cigarette Tax Increase Initiative.

Its rival initiative, Proposition A, would increase cigarette taxes two cents every two years until 2021. This would bring cigarette tax to a total of 23 cents per pack. This initiative would tax non-cigarette to-

bacco products five percent of the manufacturer's invoice.

While some voters see the price tag on the initiative as the decision maker, Sophomore Terry Simmons said voters should consider where taxes are going.

"Missouri has one of the lowest taxes on cigarettes in the country so a raise isn't that big of a deal," Simmons said. "People should really do research about what these bills will do outside numbers alone."

While the two bills tax similar items, the revenues go to completely different places.

Amendment Three will send 75 percent of its revenue to increasing access to early childhood education programs, 10 percent toward grants for Missouri health care facilities and five percent donated to smoking prevention programs.

Proposition A would use its funds on transportation infrastructure projects.

Simmons said this is the most important distinction between the two initiatives.

"I feel like education is more important than roads," Simmons said. "I know (Amendment Three) is asking for more, but it's also going to do more good."

However, some students, like Junior Gary Case disagree. Case does not believe taxes on cigarettes

should be raised at all.

"It's already difficult enough to be someone that smokes, raising the tax is just going to make it harder," Case said. "Some people rely on smoking as their one break and raising the tax on it might make it unaffordable for them."

However, Case said if he had to pick one of the taxes, it would be Proposition A.

"It's cheaper and our roads are a joke, it's simple as that," Case said.

Another difference between the two initiatives is who is backing them. Amendment Three is largely supported by large tobacco corporations that would be less affected by the higher tax hike. Proposition A is backed mostly by smaller tobacco industries, as it will do less damage to their thinner margins.

Case said this is another reason to support Proposition A.

"The big businesses are just trying to squeeze out the smaller ones," Case said.

Both initiatives will be up for vote in the November election. Northwest students are allowed to vote in Missouri elections as they are given Missouri residency while in college.

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Two different ballot initiatives are aimed at increasing taxes on cigarettes. Both will raise the tax to different prices with proceeds going to different places.

White, Strong set to showdown for title of sheriff

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The title of Nodaway County Sheriff will be up for grabs in November and residents will be able to feel the effects of this election for years to come.

Primary votes have pitted incumbent Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White (D) against former Maryville Public Safety Investigator Randy Strong (R).

White is seeking reelection after nearly eight years as sheriff of Nodaway County. Over the course of his tenure, White said he believes he has proven why he should continue to hold the keys to the county.

"Look at what we've achieved in the almost eight years I've been sheriff," White said. "We've gone from a small, rural police agency to what I would consider a top notch police force. We have good people doing quality work and I'm pretty proud of that."

The biggest strength White said his office has possessed so far is its transparency.

"We've been really proactive in going out and dealing with the issues we've had," White said. "We've never been an office to hide behind answers or divert attention. If there is a problem, we address it. This office has been upfront and open with the public. When we have information, we share it with people."

While experience is the driving force for White's campaign, it is also one of the pillars Strong has built his on toting 37 years of police service. Strong spent twenty years of his career at Maryville Public Safety as an investigator. He said this

experience specifically helped him get acquainted with other agencies, which is important to the platform of his campaign.

"We need to bring all our local, state and federal agencies together to better serve the community and that presently isn't being done," Strong said. "We need to be able to share information, share training and be able to work together without battling egos. And that is a strength I have had as a detective working with other agencies. And my

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-Darren White, Nodaway County Sheriff

beliefs are not shared by the current administration."

On whether or not there was anything White thought he could improve, he said improvements were a given.

"There are a lot of things that can be improved, even the good things can be improved," White said. "We want to keep building that trust between the sheriff's office and the people. We always strive to do better work the next day than we did before."

Strong said the process of bringing agencies together is one he has already started. He sits on a law enforcement coordinating committee with the US attorney's office aimed at bringing agencies together.

"We hold an annual training conference in Springfield, Missouri. I sit on the exec board for that with

your police chief Clarence Green, we're good friends, to promote exactly that idea," Strong said. "I've already gone to Keith Wood, who I've worked with, and he knows we'll be back on board when I'm elected. Chief Green knows that, the highway patrol knows that and my friends on the federal side know that. So that's very important to me that we work on that."

Distrust between communities and police forces have heightened over the last few years in response

Strong also agreed police spend too much time in their cars and presented a plan to get them out more.

"One of my goals is to have deputies go into schools and have lunch with kids, talk to classes, talk to administrators," Strong said. "I want them to ask them if they have any problems or concerns and find out what we can do to help. Just to build those relationships and lines of communication so we can be a help."

However much community outreach efforts may help, Strong said the main concern is making sure officers remember what their job is.

"I believe we are there for the soul purpose to protect our citizens and we need to make sure we remember that," Strong said. "That's regardless of their economic status, race, gender, religion or sexual orientation."

Following Netflix's release of the "Audrie & Daisy", which features a sexual assault case from Maryville, many people in the community have been criticized for what the film showed of them. White was one of those people. Many students took to twitter criticizing his comments. White said voters should be careful when getting information from the film.

"Don't call it a documentary, calling it a documentary would imply it contained facts and there's not any, it's just a film they made," White said. "Certainly at no point in time was I contacted or interviewed for it. I haven't seen it nor do I intend to."

As far as the comments he made in the film, White said he has always says what he thinks.

"I have never been one to hold back, I say it how it is," White said.

"People can be angry, and that's fine. I would say the people that are angry really don't know... what actually happened. It's unfortunate that all those things happened that night. What people think happened and what actually happened are very different. But people think if they see it on the Internet or watch it on Netflix it must be true. I can watch Hogan's heroes on tv too but I won't think that stuff happened in WW2."

White said voters should focus on issues when deciding to vote and focus less on media and comments. However, Strong said all things should be considered when choosing a new sheriff.

"He is responsible for that investigation and he is responsible for what he said," Strong said. "What he said is a reflection of his thought process. He and his investigator own that investigation. And that's all I am comfortable saying about it."

White said if reelected he intends to continue the work he has done as sheriff and build on progress. Strong said on election day, voters should be prepared and educated on who they are voting for.

"I would like for the citizens in this county to make an educated decision. They can either contact me or go to my facebook page and see my credentials and my resume. And voters should know my work history is a reflection of how I work today. Although I'm retired from Maryville Public Safety I have still been working."

Election day will be Nov. 8 and all Northwest students will be able to vote on the topic of sheriff. Information on voter registration can be found in related content on A1 or online at nwmissourinews.com.

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OUR VIEW:

Constituents need to vote yes on bed tax

This November, a bed tax will be on Maryville’s ballot, and this is something the city needs to approve.

A bed tax is a levy placed on hotel visitors in order for city governments to raise money without taxing local residents more than they already do.

According to City Manager Greg McDanel and Northwest Missouri State University President John Jaskinski, part of the 5 percent bed tax would be applied to a \$20 million Northwest Multipurpose Complex that would be used for campus and community events.

This tax would be in addition to the taxes that are already imposed on hotel visitors.

According to a written report given to The Daily Forum, the city will use a total of \$3.45 million for the complex over 23 years to help pay for the complex with this tax.

This is a tactic used in many cities in order to pay for necessities. According to the Center for Exhibition Industry’s research, “a convention center is typically a municipality’s largest expenditure.”

Maryville lacks tourist attractions and this could be an important addition to the city.

If the tax is approved, the city’s



COLIN VAUGHN

revenue could increase \$617.5 million, according to McDanel. The tax alone would earn Maryville \$215,000 annually.

As much as the public hates taxes and would love to reject any new governmental control, this tax provides a good opportunity for Maryville to gain money without having to tax residents.

Bed taxes are not uncommon. Pew Trusts wrote an article about the prevalence of this form of a tax.

“With one hand, states are beckoning tourists with elegant and evocative advertisements featuring sun-splashed seas and fragrant forests,” Pew Trusts said. “At the same time, the states are extending the other hand — palm up — to take money

from them in traveler taxes.”

More than just hotel stays, the article also reports cities frequently taxing rental cars and restaurant meals.

For states, this is an easy pain free way to gain as much money as possible from tourists.

The US Travel Association reported that travel provided the United States with \$2.1 trillion along

with supporting 15 million jobs.

A bed tax is the easiest form of a new tax to pass as it does not affect constituents directly.

Taxes may be a four letter word in Missouri, but the revenue would ultimately provide Maryville with a facility that would provide jobs and be another source of revenue.

The complex is an expensive project and ultimately the money has to come from somewhere. As much as republicans would like to believe budget cuts could account for the project, it is unrealistic.

Lonelle Rathje, Ph.D, reported that 72 cities in Missouri already use the bed tax as a form of revenue. To vote against this tax is ludicrous.

A similar tax was proposed to 2003 and the city voted against it. This hurt Maryville as a whole.

If the tax is rejected again, there will be a funding gap in the multi-purpose complex budget that will take a lot of effort to fill. People will lose jobs, taxes will be raised or introduced and funding for important programs will be cut.

Maryville needs to vote yes on the bed tax Nov. 8.

To ensure you are registered to vote in Maryville, visit canivote.org.

Colleges may be forced to allow guns or pay up



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The new gun law is forcing colleges into an ultimatum: allow guns on campus or pay to be “secured.”

Missouri Senate Bill 656 allows concealed carry in public without a state gun permit, criminal background check or any firearms training.

It also expands the “stand your ground” precedent. This allows gun owners to defend themselves and claim self-defense based off their own interpretation of the situation.

Proposed Senate Bill 731 would repeal the concealed carry legislation that states, “a concealed carry permit does not allow a person to carry concealed firearms into any higher education institution without the consent of the governing body of the institution or a school official.”

The bill allows for institutions to ban concealed firearms under specific conditions.

If a college does choose to ban concealed weapons, it would have to implement metal detectors and employ armed guards at every entrance to every building on campus.

Those who are carrying concealed weapons would leave their firearms with the security staff when they enter a building.

Senate Bill 731 is extorting the colleges of Missouri, forcing them to either allow concealed weapons on campus, which all 13 four-year public universities in Missouri oppose, or pay to ensure the safety of the students.

Lawmakers are more concerned with making those who helped them reach office happy than doing what is best for Missouri residents.

Northwest Missouri State University chooses to not allow concealed weapons on campus. Assuming Northwest keeps its stance, it would have to pay a hefty price.

It is estimated to cost Northwest \$30 million to be able to opt out of having concealed weapons on campus. That cost would be passed on as tuition. \$30 million split 6,434 ways is approximately \$4,663 per student.

The additional cost would put students in a tough financial situation. Students could be forced to take on additional student loans to cover the extra tuition.

The less expensive option is to dropout or transfer to another college. For most, the quality of education would not make up for the cost of tuition and having the buildings guarded like a prison.

Students of the University of Texas are protesting a similar law by openly carrying sex toys, which is considered illegal under local indecency laws.

Jessica Jin created the protest group “Cocks Not Glocks: Campus (Dildo) Carry” to

“We are fighting absurdity with absurdity,” Jin said in an interview with “Huffington Post.”

“Texas has decided it is not obnoxious or illegal to allow deadly concealed weapons on campus. But walking around with a dildo could land you in trouble,” Jin said.

“Cocks Not Glocks” gave out hundreds of dildos during a rally on the first day of class.

University and staff members at Texas unsuccessfully lobbied to block campus carry. Their argument was youth, academic stress, alcohol and firearms could make for a deadly combination.

“It’s scary to think that, at any moment, you could be next to a person carrying a gun. And if they go off their rocker, like a lot of people do in college, it is game over for anyone nearby,” University of Texas sophomore Bianca Montgomery said.

Gov. Jay Nixon originally vetoed SB 656. Nixon said to the Kansas City Star that it would allow “individuals to legally carry a concealed firearm even though they have been or would be denied a per-

mit because their background check revealed criminal offenses or caused the sheriff to believe they posed a danger.”

The Kansas City Star reported that the majority Republican Missouri Senate overrode the veto 24-6.

The House passed the bill with a 122-41 vote. The bill becomes law Jan.1. The National Rifle Association called the approval of this law “a great day for freedom in Missouri.”

The right to bear arms and protect oneself is extremely important, but even the most important rights need to have some sort of regulation.

The First Amendment gives us freedom of speech but there are laws preventing the abuse of this right. The right to bear arms to protect oneself is important, but there are places that are inappropriate for concealed weapons.

SB 731 has no legitimate reason to be made into law. It forces colleges to make a lose/lose decision.

If any readers hate that this bill could become law, please mail a letter or call the Missouri’s Speaker of the House, Todd Richardson.

Politicians hate getting flooded with an ungodly number of letters and calls. Richardson’s mailing address is P.O Box 201 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO, 65101. The phone number is (573)-751-4039.

Citizens need to stop complaining and start voting



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“Don’t boo, vote,” President Barack Obama said during his speech at the Democratic National Convention (DNC).

Among my friends, I am definitely not the political type. Yet I saw a lot of complaining in the days following the DNC. Given the context of the quote, determining its intended direction is easy:

if Americans are tired of hearing about every opposing candidate, they should do something about it. This quote could not have come at a more opportune time, given American’s general feeling towards this year’s candidates.

President Obama further explained what he meant when he said “Don’t boo, vote” in his DNC speech.

“If you’re serious about our democracy, you can’t afford to stay home,” Obama said. “Because democracy isn’t a spectator sport. America isn’t about ‘yes he will.’ It’s about ‘yes we can.’”

Obama’s statement epitomizes one of the biggest problems we are facing as a nation. For exam-

ple, Sept. 8, a shooting took place at a Alpine High School in west Texas. The shooting was carried out by a 14-year-old freshman girl who injured two students shortly before taking her own life.

While gun violence in America is certainly one of the more troubling dilemmas we face, it is the reaction to this that Obama was talking about in his speech.

I logged onto Facebook the same night of the shooting and the only thing visible on my feed was comments saying that someone needs to do something about this.

Someone needs to fix this, someone needs to take these guns away from kids, and why aren’t there laws

to make sure things like this don’t happen?

If Facebook users could send comments to representatives instead of Facebook friends then maybe something could finally be done to keep things like this from happening.

The only thing more terrifying than someone with a serious criminal record walking into a gun store and buying a gun is a nation willing to collectively stand by and just watch it happen.

Voting isn’t something that just goes for gun violence. Everything we the people are increasingly growing fatigued by such as civil rights, the legalization of marijuana and whether or not we are okay

with the next potential leader of our country building a wall along our border hinges on the American population going to the polls.

At the beginning of this article I said I was not interested in debating politics, and this is still true.

What I am interested in is seeing serious change being accomplished through actions.

Voicing your opinion is something so frivolous in the closing months before an election. Now is the time to prove we are willing to do something for your beliefs before someone else takes it away from you. So don’t just complain, do something about it. Don’t just boo, vote.



DARCIE BRADFORD | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Colin Arnold participates in activities such as bowling with his mentee during their Music and Movement class.

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“So we want to make sure every excuse can be cut out. If Safe Ride doesn’t turn out, there will be no excuses, we can still give you rides. We are thinking about carpooling, university buses maybe, whatever works, we will get them there.”

Lincoln said the work that has been done and the amount of students who have been able to register would not have been possible without the various partnerships and committee members who have helped with the effort.

“They’ve been helping us. Manning tables, our themed University Seminar section and Community Development taught students how to use Turbovote and challenged them to go to their dorm halls, the library, wherever it may be, and register people to vote and everybody has been jumping on board,” Lincoln said. “We’ve had such a great support system and help from our committee and the Student Senate and the themed sections and the administration and the CITE team, those people have all made this possible.”

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“We typically use four on-campus experts, presenting certain topics. For example, we might have someone from the Communications Department talk about listening skills, etc or we might have someone from the Wellness Services talk about stress management. We then also hire four people off-campus experts that are professional trainers in the field.”

Carly Hunzeker, a sophomore Agricultural Business major, has attended five Career Pathing events since becoming employed through the University in October 2015. Hunzeker says Career Pathing sessions can benefit an individual in a number of ways.

“Career Pathing sessions provide a ton of benefits,” Hunzeker said. “There is a variety of Career Pathing events one can attend, on various topics. I think most events work towards improving yourself and how you present yourself in a professional setting, and that has proven to be extremely beneficial.”

The first workplace-learning opportunity took place on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Assistant Director of Wellness Services Kristen Peltz presented “Engaging in Difficult Conversations.” The session focused on identifying barriers individuals face when thinking about topics that are hard to discuss and examining ways to make those conversations less stressful and more productive.

Green Dot Coordinator Danielle Koonce will present “Green Dot: Changing the Conversation about Violence” Oct. 17. Green Dot is Northwest’s approach to violence prevention. The goal of Green Dot is to empower people to intervene in potential moments of violence. Koonce says her upcoming presentation will embody the framework of

Green Dot and its mission to reduce rates of violence.

“The issue of violence and knowing what to do in a violent situation is really overwhelming; it’s this giant obstacle,” Koonce said. “But, there are these small moments in time where, as bystanders, we have an opportunity to either step in or do something. Green Dot kind of breaks down this huge mountain of interpersonal violence into smaller moments that are more easily manageable and makes it easier to conceptualize.”

Koonce adds the session will help attendees reframe their idea of what being an active bystander looks like and provide them with different modes of intervention.

“I think there’s a misconception that, to intervene in a situation, to actively stop violence, you have to get in the middle of two people fighting and separate them,” Koonce said. “And in the Career Pathing session, we will go through different violence scenarios and allow participants to brainstorm actions that are realistic to them. When you’re in a situation that sends a red flag, a situation that you’re concerned about, it’s hard to know exactly what to do if you haven’t practiced different, potential situations of violence.”

Koonce says this session will not only benefit attendees throughout their time at Northwest, but also at their future place of employment.

“I think it’s really important for people to know this is something that can help them as students; ensuring their communities are safe for everyone,” Koonce said. “Moving forward as a young professional or individual entering the workforce, you’ll start to think about how this session can help you be a supportive colleague and how you can prevent others in your workplace from experiencing violence as well. This is sort of a movement that I hope people will carry beyond their time at Northwest.”

Blotters for the week of Oct. 6

Nodaway County Sheriff’s Office

Sept. 20
A summons was issued to **Philip L. New**, 40, Ravenwood, for a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

A summons was issued to **Brandon W. Fivecoat**, 23, for 2nd degree assault in connection with a reported domestic disturbance in Maryville.

Sept. 22
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at a Ravenwood residence.

A summons was issued to **Lance T. Pollard**, 25, Savannah, for a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

A summons was issued to **Sean J. Evans**, 25, St. Joseph, for a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

A summons was issued to **Michael P. Farnan**, 50, for a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

A summons was issued to **Earl D. Reno**, 61, for a Nodaway County warrant for possession of a controlled substance, except 35 grams or less of marijuana, driving while revoked/suspended and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

Sept. 23
A summons was issued to **James I. McEntee**, 18, for a Nodaway County warrant for possession of a controlled substance, except 35 grams or less of marijuana and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

A summons was issued to **Jessica K. Mace**, 27, St. Joseph, for a warrant for parole violation.

Sept. 24
A summons was issued to **Dallas W. Mozier**, 42, Maitland, for tampering with a vehicle in connection with a stolen vehicle report filed by a Graham resident on September 22.

Sept. 26
A summons was issued to **Steven S. Cyr**, 33, Parkville, for a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

Sept. 27
There is an ongoing investigation for theft at a construction site in Burlington Junction.

A summons was issued to **Joe E. Cotham**, 34, Goodlettsville, Tennessee, for a Nodaway County warrant for assault/attempt assault on law enforcement officer and resisting or interfering with detention.

Sept. 28
A summons was issued to **Stephanie A. Morriss**, 28, Guilford, for a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

Deputies received a report of a domestic assault occurring near Hopkins.

Sept. 30
A summons was issued to **Travis R. Coleman**, 34, St. Louis, for a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

A summons was issued to **Larry M. Miller**, 23, Burlington Junction, for a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Sept. 20
Five summonses were issued to **Shane T. Stark**, 28, **Jason R. Zeigler**, 18, **Cobey D. Funk**, 19, **Bailey J. Maxwell**, 18, and **Parker T. Smith**, 18, for resisting arrest at the 300 block of East Seventh Street.

Sept. 21
There is ongoing investigation for assault at the 300 block of South Clayton.

Sept. 22
A summons was issued to **Grant N. Henry-Conley**, 20, St. Joseph, for minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market.

A summons was issued to **Olivia H. Brown**, 19, for minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market.

A summons was issued to **Gavyn A. Redmond**, 18, minor in possession and under 19 in a bar at

the 300 block of North Market.

A summons was issued to **Tiffany D. Slagle**, 30, for a habitual barking dog at the 600 block of West 16th Street.

Sept. 23
A summons was issued to **Aaron C. Whitehill**, 19, Clarinda, Iowa, for equipment violation and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 100 block of West Thompson.

A summons was issued to **Jason L. Sarabia**, 18, Clarinda, Iowa, for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 100 block of West Thompson.

Sept. 24
A summons was issued to **Joel A. Gilbert**, 21, for indecent exposure - urinating exposure at the 200 block of West Seventh Street.

Sept. 26
A summons was issued to **Alexus K. Yoakum**, 20, for simple

assault at the 200 block of East Thompson.

Sept. 27
A summons was issued to **Barbara A. Vinzant**, 60, for a city code violation at the 700 block of East 3rd Street.

A summons was issued to **Francis J. Grout Jr.**, 45, for a city code violation at the 600 block of East Third Street.

Oct. 2
A summons was issued to **Jarett J. Miles**, 19, for minor in possession and open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle at the 300 block of West 3rd Street.

Oct. 3
A summons was issued to **Blythe N. Dunlap**, 19, for minor in possession at the 200 block of West Second Street.

A summons was issued to **Varun K.R. Cheekolu**, 22, for no valid driver’s license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and equipment violation.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

OCTOBER EVENTS


Join us for our weekly meeting
5 pm every Thursday in the Union Boardroom
For more information email: sac@nwmissouri.edu or call: 660.562.1226

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| OCT 8 | Hunter Hayes Concert 8 p.m. @ Bearcat Arena - tickets still available |
| OCT 10 | Hilary Corna - Lecture 7 p.m. @ Ron Houston PAC |
| OCT 13 | Late Night @ The Rec 8 - 11 p.m. @ The Student Rec Center |
| OCT 21 | Finding Dory 8 p.m. @ Unior Boardroom |
| OCT 26 | Comedians Dolce Salone and Ian Aber 7 p.m. @ Ron Houston PAC |
| OCT 28 | Walkout Day Activities 3 p.m. @ Centennial Garden |




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Ever wanted a statue of yourself? Tombili, a crazy chill cat in Turkey, got one after going viral on the web for just sitting on the curb. Even better, Tombili is the Turkish word for chubby pets. And a chubby pet he is, a chubby pet with his own statue.

There's always a competition for the newest, most creative form of art. A Pennsylvania based-artist decided to use her household dirt and make art of it. She took all of her dust bunnies and made sculptures of bunny rabbits.

Do you feel like you're having an unlucky year? An Australian man has had a bitingly painful year. Literally. Twice now, he's been bitten on his penis by a poisonous spider in a port-a-potty.

We all worry about how we smell from time to time. Not a big deal, right? For Matthew Little it is. He was kicked off a bus for the way he smelled. Apparently bus drivers can kick you off for smelling like marijuana, "...probably because he just smoked marijuana." Little also said he was personally offended because he thought he smelled great.

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By MetroCreative

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Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD

By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. __ Nui, Easter Island
- 5. Midway between south and southeast
- 8. Small mark
- 12. Small antelope
- 14. Protects from weather
- 15. Goddess of women and marriage
- 16. City in Washington
- 18. Independent voters association
- 19. Bird genus
- 20. Train line
- 21. Annoy
- 22. Waste matter
- 23. 41st President
- 26. Type of cracker
- 30. Remove
- 31. Looked quickly
- 32. The habitat of wild animals
- 33. Type of gene
- 34. Humble
- 39. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 42. Respectful compliments
- 44. Star Trek: The Next Generation doctor
- 46. Pithy remark
- 47. Sums up
- 49. Tailless amphibian
- 50. American Gaming Association (abbr.)
- 51. After seventh
- 56. Czech River
- 57. Folk band __ Iver
- 58. Kids ride this
- 59. Ancient Greek City
- 60. Liquefied natural gas (abbr.)
- 61. Net
- 62. Colors clothes
- 63. Midway between east and southeast
- 64. Japanese beverage

Clues Down

- 1. Island north of Guam
- 2. Biblical region
- 3. Scottish ancestor
- 4. Hills in northeast India
- 5. A way to cook by baking

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- 6. Attacked ferociously
- 7. Furniture with open shelves
- 8. Burt Reynolds film
- 9. A way to examine
- 10. Plant of the goosefoot family
- 11. Job
- 13. Capable of being thought
- 17. One seeded fruit
- 24. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 25. Platitudes
- 26. Very fast airplane
- 27. Pet detective Ventura
- 28. Resinous substance
- 29. Explosive
- 35. Purse
- 36. Swiss river
- 37. Separately managed account (abbr.)
- 38. Electron scanning microscope (abbr.)
- 40. Fable
- 41. Mythical monsters
- 42. Whale (Norwegian)
- 43. Domed recesses
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 45. Cause to be loved
- 47. Expression of surprise
- 48. Jessica __, actress
- 49. Drove
- 52. Commands to go faster
- 53. Chinese dynasty
- 54. Military vehicle
- 55. Chinese Muslim

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Ex Griffon finds her new home as a Bearcat

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From St. Joseph to Maryville, sophomore Sadie Kerr is loving Northwest and all it has to offer.

Kerr is originally from Grain Valley, a small suburban town on the outskirts of Independence. She is the youngest of three siblings, making her the aunt to seven nieces and nephews.

Her oldest brother Eric is engaged with three children: Carter, Caden and Maddox. Her sister Randa welcomed her first baby Wayde Oct. 1. Her other brother Jake is also engaged with two step children, Braxely and Taelynn, and recently had a baby girl named Harlow.

Life with this size of a family can be interesting, and Kerr has several stories she remembers fondly from her childhood.

“I have a dent in my face that people mistakenly take for a dimple all the time,” Kerr said. “My brothers and I were playing hide and seek and Jake decided he was going to hide under a mattress that was on the floor. I walked into the room... and stepped on the mattress. Once I was on top of the mattress, he decided to pop up and scare me. He sent me flying across the room into a metal bunk bed and now I have a dent in my face.”

Life with older brothers and a very involved father also meant bringing boys home was always and adventure.

“They have definitely scared boys off. Any boys I am even friends with they like to try and freak them out,” Kerr said. “The first time I ever brought a guy home for a date, my brother claimed to have gone to jail and said he wasn’t afraid to go back and my dad had a pistol on his hip.”

Kerr is the last one living at home with her parents, Christine and Patrick. One of her favorite things to return home for is her classroom at Kathy’s House Learning Center.

Kathy’s House is a daycare and preschool facility Kerr has worked at for the last two years. She started the day after her 18th birthday toward the beginning of her senior year of high school. She returns to work there during the summer and during breaks.

“I work in the early toddler room, with one-year to 18-months. I also float around when subs are needed, but my younger kids are my favorite,” Kerr said. “They are so fun and they make my day every day, even when I am not with them, just looking at pictures makes me happy. They never fail to make me excited to be a teacher some day.”

Freshman Jessica Snow has been friends with Kerr since the two were eight years old. She worked with Kerr at Kathy’s House.

“There is nothing she wouldn’t do for them or her friends... Sadie has been the most loyal friend and has had my back and best interest at heart for as long as I can remember,” Snow said. “She’s very dependable

and I look up to her... She’s a loving, intelligent and very beautiful young women and I am proud to call her my best friend. I can’t wait to see what the future holds for her and to see what an awesome teacher she will be.”

The two share many memories together, but Snow’s favorite comes from fifth grade.

“I used to get made fun of a lot because of my big lips and I was crying to Sadie about how a few boys in my class were being mean,” Snow said. “Being the protector she is, she went and called up those boys, cussed them out and told them to never make fun of me again or she would kick theirs butts. We laugh about it now, but we both know how serious she was and how she would have really kicked their butts for me.”

Kerr is an elementary education major with a minor in early childhood education.

She began her college career at Missouri Western. Before all the Bearcat readers cringe, she did leave for Maryville.

“I was having a lot of trouble with a couple professors. I was going to tutoring and doing everything I needed to be, but they had no interest in helping me be successful,” Kerr said.

She also struggled with changing rooms after a negative experience with a roommate. With all of that and her struggle with the financial aid office, Kerr felt it was time to change schools.

“I just heard good things about Northwest and their education program and I felt this was a better choice for me,” Kerr said.

Sure enough, the transition has been easy and Kerr is loving Northwest.

“I love the sense of community people have here. Everyday walking on campus someone will wave at you and say hi,” Kerr said. “I am also super glad to have met my roommate and all of the people she has introduced me to and joining the Navigators. I haven’t found something yet about Northwest I don’t like.”

Kerr lives on campus with her roommate, Jozie Reeter. Although the two were strangers, they have quickly become great friends.

“Sadie Kerr is amazing. Coming into this school year I was very nervous about rooming with someone I didn’t know, again, but I am so blessed to have her,” Reeter said.

Kerr attends Reeter’s bible study and the two have worked on their relationships with God together.

“One of the biggest joys I find in rooming with her is walking into our room and seeing her read her Bible and writing down scripture,” Reeter said.

The two also found out they had a lot in common.

“Rooming with Sadie is also a lot of fun because we are very similar in many ways,” Reeter said.



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Sadie Kerr is an elementary education major with a minor in early childhood education. She worked at a day care throughout high school and is looking forward to the opportunity to build a classroom and impact more lives.

“We love listening to music really loud, watching movies, crafting and laughing. It is crazy to me that we met a month and a half ago and she is already one of my best friends.”

College is great, but Kerr’s happiest moment brings her back to her family. Her brother Eric was the first to have a child and the memory sticks out to Kerr as one that brought her the most joy.

“(Carter) made me an aunt for the first time and being able to hold him and know I would have a connection with him for the rest of his life made me the happiest I have ever been,” Kerr said.

Anyone can tell Kerr loves the children in her life. That is why her

most difficult time was when her nephew Caden passed away unexpectedly.

Caden was born Dec. 22, 2014 and died Jan. 21, 2015 of a group B strep infection. He was one day shy of being a month old.

“It’s hard to fathom why such a tiny human who hasn’t even had a chance to do anything, who hasn’t even had a month in this world, has to be taken away. That was really hard for me gathering why and how something like that happens,” Kerr said.

She found solace in surrounding herself with positive influences.

“The most successful way I have dealt with it is to surround myself with people who understand

and who support me when I have hard times,” Kerr said. “I have also grown in my relationship with God to give me strength and helping me know there is a reason he isn’t here and he had to be taken away.”

Grief is difficult, and Kerr has had plenty of experience with it. She leaves readers with a last bit of advice on how to cope.

“Find a good support system,” Kerr said. “That has been the biggest help for me. Not in just my family and friends, but in God. That is what kept me going in hard time and leaving for school and graduating. Find the best support system you kind and don’t be afraid to rely on them when you need them.”

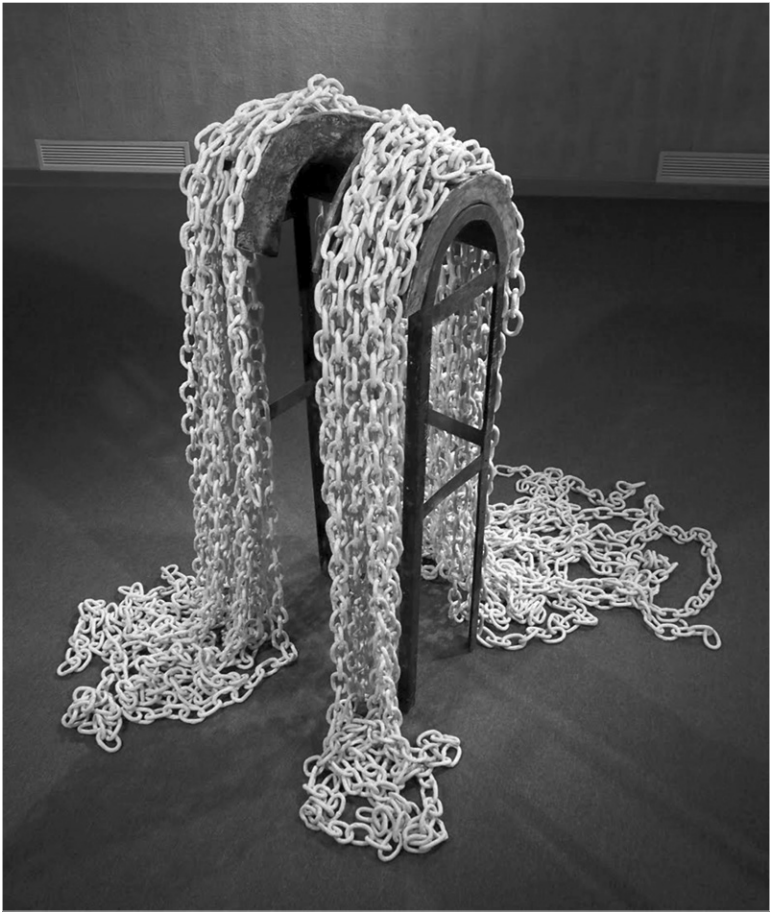


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Sadie Kerr (left) and her roommate, Jozie Reeter (right) quickly became best friends after only a month of knowing each other. Kerr participates in Reeter’s Bible study and they attend the same campus ministry, The Navigators. They both share a love for loud music, crafting and movies. Reeter feels lucky to have Kerr as a roommate.



Brant Weiland attended community college for two years before going to a university. He took a break after graduation to find out what he wanted to do for a career. After a four-year break, Weiland realized he was unsatisfied not creating art. He began taking classes and teaching at a studio in Ames, Iowa. Since then, his passion for art has never wavered.



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Some people struggle with the ability to create something new, others are just born with it. Senior Brant Weiland is one of those artist born with the creativity and drive to create. He is a three dimensional practices major with a desire to use his art to teach others the lessons his parents taught him. Weiland moved around a lot of a child, but his mother always made sure his creativity was nurtured. When they settled in northern Iowa, Weiland watched his neighbor painting in his studio and his mother worked with him at the kitchen table.

“I spent a number of hours in studios and at museums large and small that offered history and real artists to learn from,” Brant Weiland said. “Art emerged as my primary passion as I transitioned to college and lasted a mere two weeks as a biology major before switching over to drawing.” Weiland is a sculptor because he feels this art requires a broad set of skills and applications and also because he feels it represents his agrarian childhood. “I consider myself primarily a clay artist. The tactile response of the medium to my hand is very comfortable and clay itself has several qualities that suit my visual language,” Brant Weiland said. “The plastic nature of the material allows me to shape

Brant Weiland uses art to interpret the world

it into any form or replicate any object, while the technical knowledge and tradition of work ethic have a special appeal to me as well.” Weiland incorporates art into all aspects of his life, from making a pizza to working on construction when he dropped out of school. After four years off of school and not creating any new pieces, Weiland enrolled in classes for fun and taught at a studio in Ames, Iowa. Art has always been a way for Weiland to interpret his surroundings. “The process of converting words and thoughts into physical being helps me isolate and relate in a personal way to instances that occur, which I then turn back to the world and ask what it sees. It is a method that allows me to have a conversa-

tion with the whole of humanity, all I wait for is the next line from you,” Brant Weiland said. Michele Weiland, Brant Weiland’s mother, has always been his biggest supporter. He attributes much of his success to her support. “Brant is special because of his passion and focus as an artist,” Michele Weiland said. “Plus his hair, he has awesome hair, and truly debonair dimples.” Michele Weiland notes how her son removed much of his distractions in life to really focus on his work. “Lest you think this makes him the moody and serious artist, let me clarify and tell you that he is probably the happiest person I know,”

Michele Weiland said. Weiland derives his inspiration from his history in agriculture. The methodical traditions and stories that have lasted throughout history intrigue Weiland and he seeks to understand the way in which behavior and traditions have changed and why. “By turning to the past I want to bring forward the spark that led to an epiphany, a thought structure that shaped time henceforth,” Brant Weiland said.

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THE STROLLER: Your woman wants you to know God is not for everyone

Stop forcing religion down people’s throats. I am sorry, I don’t want to hear about your religious views or where you think I am going because I don’t have the same belief as you. In all honesty people are overly sensitive, but discussing religion never ended well and people are always left feeling frustrated, so stop. What about religion makes you believe you have a right to judge

me? Do we not preach in church only God can judge us but here we are judging away. Why? If I do not sit in the same church pew as you but I believe in a higher power I just want more evidence am I going down instead of up? Why am I going to hell? Is it because I don’t want to believe a bunch of stories that have been passed down through years with

details being changed to fit others own agendas? As I sat at Arrowhead this weekend tailgating with all my friends, a man decided to pick a fight with one of our fellow Bearcats and told her she was going to hell because her belief was different than his. So let’s have our come to Jesus moment and stop forcing your religion down my throat and I will stop calling you a wacked out bi-

ble thumper. It’s my choice to practice what I believe and I get to live that life. Bearcats, let’s do something to give the future generations something to talk about. Let’s change the way we talk about religion. If you believe in God, great. If you believe in a rock, love that for you but please do not tell me all about how I am going to a dark dungeon of fire for not seeing what

you see. Peace and hair grease from your favorite Catholic (I know it’s shocking) who is sick of fighting about something we will never agree about. *The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*

Capitol Steps puts the “mock” in democracy

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In a time when it couldn’t be truer, the Capitol Steps are putting the mock in democracy on their most recent tour.

The Capitol Steps’ next stop in their tour is Maryville. After performing satirical songs focused on the government for more than 35 years for schools, members of congress and even a number of past presidents, the Capitol Steps

show no sign of slowing down. Ex-senate member and one of the founders of the Capitol Steps, Elaina Newport, reflected on some of the reasons the Capitol Steps started in the first place. Newport highlighted the laid back nature of

not only why they do what they do, but also how it started as nothing more than having a little bit of fun. “We started this whole thing at a senate office Christmas party. We just decided hey let’s entertain our coworkers and hopefully we won’t get fired. It was a little bit of a release from our day jobs because there we were dealing with serious issues all day and it was a good way

to kind of kick back and make some jokes,” Newport said.

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The average college student struggles to balance academics, work and social life. The key is to develop time management skills.

College students work on life, school balance

BETH POTTROFF
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Sleep deprived, hungry, constantly busy, excited and stressed with little to no money may be common words to describe the average college student.

A day in the life of a student would make anyone exhausted. But what makes students' lives get that way?

Sophomore Mettie Steiner is an art major who also works at Taco John's. On a typical day, she attends her classes and works. She described her experience in college so far as busy, time consuming, stressful, fulfilling and fun.

During a typical day Steiner goes to class in the morning. After class, she goes and eats lunch with her boyfriend.

Steiner then goes to her afternoon classes and, afterwards, either works on homework or goes to work. In her spare time she likes to watch "Bob's Burgers" or see her friends.

"College is difficult because it takes a lot of time management," Steiner said. "It's sometimes hard to find time to work at Taco John's and work on art projects."

Since Steiner is an art major, she has lots of studio classes that require her to work on projects outside of class. Steiner guesses that she probably spends around 16 hours outside of class working on projects.

One of Steiner's favorite things about college life is the coffee options. She often goes to Starbucks or Einstein Bros. She also loves classes in her major, which reinforces her decision in knowing she is choosing the right thing to dedicate her life to.

"I like learning about art," Steiner said. "I love being able to develop my artistic abilities."

However, Steiner's words to describe her

college experience are a bit different than sophomore Cody Grusing's. Grusing is a wildlife ecology and conservation major who works at Sonic. Grusing describes his college experience as stressful, mind opening, redundant, "wild as hell" and maturing.

"Classes and school can be difficult sometimes," Grusing said. "But I've met a lot of cool people here and learned new things."

Grusing lives in a house with three other people. On a typical day, he goes to class in morning and takes a nap in the afternoon. After that he goes to work, does homework or socializes. Grusing also likes to go out on the weekends to the bars or fish if the weather is nice.

Sophomore Safa Owaishir is a dietetics major. She is also an international student from Saudi Arabia. Owaishir describes her college experience as stressful, fun, hard, freeing and busy.

"Studying is stressful at times because English is my second language," Orwaishir said.

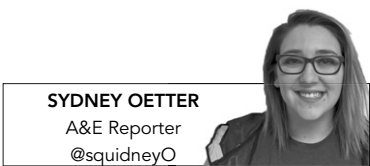
However, Orwaishir feels her college experience is also fun and freeing. She loves that she has met many new people and experienced new things. College allows her to be independent because she is on her own.

"I am able to be here on my own," Orwaishir said. "It's my choice to stay or go."

During a typical day Orwaishir begins her day by going to her morning classes. During lunch she eats at her apartment. She then returns to campus for afternoon classes. She, like Grusing, takes an afternoon nap before studying. Orwaishir either studies or hangs out with friends in the evenings.

College can be described in many words and ways. For these Bearcats, the good times definitely outway the hard ones.

Suicide remains a prevalent problem and requires attention



Today a mother will bury her child. Today the world will wake up and someone's world will stop spinning. Today someone will commit suicide.

We, in the United States, whisper the word suicide because our government whispers the word suicide. We as, a country, do not care nearly enough about mental health even though 42.3 million Americans suffer from some sort of mental disease, according to the American Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration.

Every year 42,773 people commit suicide, the association also reported. That means every year

42,773 families and friends lose someone who meant the world to them. Their world stops turning and their hearts shatter into a million little ugly pieces.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 117 people commit suicide every day. For every suicide, there are 25 attempts.

Also according to the foundation, suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 10-24. More teenagers and young adults commit suicide than die from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza and chronic lung disease combined.

Suicide has culturally been painted as an insensitive cry for attention, and people who struggle with suicidal ideation are seen as weak or selfish.

For example, in 2013, 8.7 percent of people between the ages of 18 and 25 experienced a major depressive episode in the previous year, but only half of them received

any psychiatric treatment, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. This is a problem because people are not receiving the help they need.

For 57 percent of these episodes, patients were seen by a general practitioner or family doctor, people who are not experts in the treatment of mental illness.

So why do we continue to act like it is not a problem in our society? Why do we let our friends, family and co-workers continue to feel as if they have nowhere to turn but to death? Why do we keep the stigma that suicide is weak or selfish?

We, as humans, do not want to hear about other people's problems, or if we do, we take them at surface level value.

I don't know how many times I have listened to my friends complain about something in their life and I just thought how their life isn't really that bad at all.

It wasn't until one of my friends said they just didn't want to live any-

more that I realized this was more than just complaining. I laughed and said I felt the same. She looked me dead in my eye and said she was really considering taking her life.

My world started spinning and I didn't know what to do. I started to think of my life without that person. It left a pit in my stomach. Why would she want to do that? What was she not telling me?

Then I realized, it wasn't that she wasn't telling me, I wasn't listening.

If you are thinking of committing suicide or harming yourself in anyway, reach out. If someone tells you he or she is thinking about suicide, don't just write it off, ask them what they need or what you

can do to help them. Reach out to a faculty member or someone you trust that may know just how to handle these situation.

I am here to tell you that suicide isn't the answer. The world is ugly, that is 100 percent true, and our lives are 100 times more stressful than what our parents faced. We are never fully unplugged. We never can truly escape the problems we face because our world is never powered down.

College is also not easy, it's rough. When we fail a test, it does feel as though the world is ending. But we, as a generation, have to stop using suicide as our way out.

Theater says hello to freshmen and goodbye to its seniors

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Northwest's theater department hosted the show "Hello-Goodbye" over the weekend. To saying hello to incoming freshman and farewell to graduating seniors, the series of one acts pushed boundaries and opened discussion to many taboo subjects such as politics and sexual assault.

The first act reinforces the idea that everyone should be inviting and friendly to those who may be different from them. Full of puns and witty banter, the cast told the story of Jack, played by freshman Anthony Naimo, who is new in town.

A co-worker invited him over for poker night at her house where Jack, in attempt to be humorous, dressed as the Jack of Hearts. After awkward conversation, Jack revealed how lonely he has been since moving, how he just wanted to be accepted and that he did not know how to play poker. With understanding, the group decided to let Jack stay and taught him how to play.

The second act brought up the topic of politics. Set in the 1980s, the play was about Kitty, played by Cyndi Martin a young woman who found herself falling for her coworker, Mark, played by Caleb Cowling. He was everything she had dreamed of except for one thing: he may have voted for Reagan.

During a conversation with a

close friend, she confessed that, despite her strong feelings for her co-worker, she could never date someone who voted Republican. In the end, she confronted him about his choice only to find out he could not make it to the polls to vote. The story reminded audience members that it is not about what party you vote for, it is about what kind of person you are.

The last act before intermission left the audience questioning what should be defined as rape. The morning after a party, Liz, played by Peyton Thompson confided in her friends that she and one of their good friends had gotten drunk and had sex, which she did not want. Her two friends then bicker on whether it is rape since both of them were drunk at the time.

"It was really challenging for me," freshman Courtney Amaro said on her role in the act, "I don't necessarily agree with where my character is coming from, so I had to figure out how to portray without giving my views away."

After the intermission, the audience watched a marriage counseling seminar, hosted by a man who does not know how to love, and his overly attached and overly emotional fiancée. Their clients are a husband and wife who have been having some issues. However, as soon as the couple walks in, the wife im-

mediately attaches herself to the loveless doctor, leaving her husband in a confused daze. The doctor explains his situation and claims the husband is the only one there who knows how to love. Through laughter, the audience is reminded love is a driving human emotion.

Following the marital antics came the story of love and annoyance between a young girl taking care of her dying father and a boy who is a diehard romantic but unsure how to make a move. Through a clothesline of panties and love notes, the pair became a couple, reminding all that through ingenuity, anything is possible, even love.

The final act demonstrated the greatest finale of all: death. A young woman becomes engaged and wanted her fiancé to meet her deceased father. Through magic, the living couple made contact with the dead. The father intensely questioned the young man about his life. After the humiliating questions, the woman's father decided the young man was a perfect match for his daughter. The couple walked off, feeling stronger in their relationship.

"There's a girl who goes, and we went to high school together," freshman Anthony Naimo said. "Seeing her come to the show just brought everything full circle that she was leaving soon but this was my first production."




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Cross Country outperforms collegiate frontrunners

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The Bearcat cross country team competed against some of the biggest names in NCAA Division I and II at the Chile Pepper Classic in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Saturday afternoon.

The men's team placed sixth out of the 45 Division II teams represented at the meet. The women ended the day with a 17th place finish out of the 40 Division II women's teams.

Coach Scott Lorek was ecstatic about the way both of his teams performed. The Bearcats were not intimidated, despite facing much larger teams from Division I and II schools.

"It was really good for our kids to get in and at least be on the same line with Villanova and Texas Tech and those kind of teams," Lorek said.

The Bearcats' performance surpassed that of several Division I schools. The men's team finished with 202 total points, which is better than 11 of the 18 Division I teams represented. The men also managed to find great success against Division II opponents.

"We beat a couple of teams that were ranked ahead of us in our region," Lorek said. "It was just a real solid performance overall."

Senior Nolan Zimmerman ran the fastest time for Northwest, finishing in ninth place with a time of 24:24.76. Sophomore Brayden Clews-Proctor followed right behind him, finishing in 10th place with a time of 24:26.58.

The men have struggled with several injuries throughout the season, but they did not let this deter them from competing to the best of their ability.

One of these injuries came early in the summer for senior Joe Anger, who developed tendonitis in his left knee over the summer. The Chili Pepper Classic was the first race back for Anger, and he did not disappoint.

"I ran surprisingly faster than I thought I was going to," Anger said. "I was only like seven seconds off my personal record, and coming off an injury that was exciting."

Junior Brandon Phipps also struggled with injury this season throughout the summer and early this season, Phipps dealt with a strained calf muscle and inflamed tendons in his foot, which prevented him from training for the season. Phipps has recovered and is continuing to train and get better in anticipation for the upcoming postseason.

Phipps placed 70th out of over 300 runners, with a time of 26:00.31. Anger finished in 91st place with a time of 26:21.48, just five hundredths of a second ahead of the University of West Florida's Brandon Battle.

"I am just working my way back into shape, so it's kind



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Senior Nolan Zimmerman (left) and Sophomore Brayden Clews-Proctor (right) race to the finish line together at the Bearcat Open Sept. 2.

of a process now," Phipps said. "I'm just looking at it meet to meet and I'm just going to improve and get better."

The women's team was also successful at the Chili Pepper Classic, finishing in 17th place with a total of 515 points. Lorek was glad to see the team's hard work paying off with a great team finish.

"Our women's team is just getting better every week," Lorek said. "I'm excited about the building process they are going through."

Senior Sammy Laurenzo led the Bearcats by finishing in 36th place, with a time of 18:24.53. This is Laurenzo's personal record for the 5,000 meter race. Lorek was excited with Laurenzo's finish at the classic.

"She broke into our all time top 15 in the 5k race," Lorek said. "She ran the best race of her life down there this weekend,

and that was really positive."

The Bearcats only have one meet left before they start the postseason. Both teams head to the Lewis Cross-Over Invitational in Romeoville, Illinois Saturday. This leaves only one short week to prepare and train for the last regular season race. Lorek knows that this doesn't leave much time to rest or train, but he is confident in both of his team's abilities.

"We are going to train hard this week and go there and do what we can," Lorek said. "Our emphasis though is really on the conference and division meets coming up."

| NEXT GAME |
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| Lewis Cross Over Invitational @ Romeoville, Ill |
| Oct. 8 All Day |



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Romain Boissinot enjoys himself at practice. Boissinot advanced to the semifinals in the singles bracket at the ITA Regional Tournament Sept. 30- Oct. 1.

Tennis brings successful fall season to conclusion

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The Bearcat tennis team finished the fall season on an encouraging note in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional championships.

A majority of the team represented moved past their first rounds. Three Bearcats made it to the Class A singles semifinals, while a duo advanced to the Class A doubles semifinals.

"They did a really good job playing hard," graduate assistant Alvaro Riveros said. "I think on the men's side we did an outstanding job. They did a good job doing as much as possible. The girls, some of them lost in the first round but they won all of the consolation matches and that's all we ask for."

The men's team showed success early on in the tournament, advancing four members to the quarterfinals. Sophomore Sergi Fontcuberta and senior Romain Boissinot were the only Bearcats who represented the men in the singles semifinals.

"It felt great actually," Riveros said. "We weren't expecting the doubles to go that far and they did. It shows what they are really capable of. We wanted the two guys in singles to go to finals, but it wasn't possible. They played the best stand-

ings really. It was really nothing we could have done."

Fontcuberta and Boissinot's quest to an ITA Regional championship ended in the semifinals. Fontcuberta's loss came in a 7-5, 6-4 match against Southwest Baptist's Sherif Abohabaga, while Boissinot's loss came in a 7-6, 2-6, 1-0 match against Washburn's Alejandro Plaza.

"I played four good matches that I thought I was supposed to win," Boissinot said. "Most of them I beat them before, so I wanted to win. I was a little disappointed after semis because I had my chance to win. You know, it's when you play tiebreakers you can't go very fast. It's just that one thing."

Junior Mauro Tete and freshman Jorge Serrano represented the Bearcats in the doubles semifinals. Tete is disappointed in the loss, but knows he and his partner put in effort to come from behind against their opponent.

"We were really high energy and really consistent," Tete said. "It is not that we missed something, they played pretty well. I'm proud of Jorge and proud of what we did in the tournament."

The women's team did not fare as well as the men. Freshman Tania Teruel made it the farthest in the

tournament, advancing all the way to the round of 16, where she fell to Central Oklahoma's Alli Hodges.

"The final match was difficult," Teruel said. "I feel like if I trained more on my back hand and on my serve, I could have beat her."

Teruel entered the season as a surprise to the team. She has developed into a key component for the women's team. Because of this, there isn't much to be upset about over her loss.

"I actually think she may have by a luck of the draw," Riveros said. "She won the first two matches really solid. Then she went and played the number 2 seed in the region. That was kind of bad luck. Otherwise, she may have gone farther."

Each loss mentioned was to an MIAA opponent. This gave the Bearcats a chance to have a sneak peek of what conference play could be in the spring.

"We know this year is coming," Riveros said. "All the teams got stronger, but so did we. It is going to be a challenge for all of the teams men and women. But I still see ourselves to have a chance of winning both sides. I'm just really relieved that we are capable of winning the conference on both sides."

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Senior Jackie Becker (left) and Sophomore Maddy Bruder (right) refine their blocking technique in preparation for the upcoming match against Lindenwood Oct. 7.

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RESILIENCY
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“We really didn’t play our best game and you never really want to say that, but it’s also nice because it’s good to see what a complete team looks like,” senior hitter Miranda Foster said. “I know we lost for a reason and we have to go to work this week in practice and I know our team will figure out a way to come back and play the way we know how to play.”

No match provides a more ideal opportunity for redemption for Northwest than its contest against Central Missouri who is ranked No. 11 in the country. “The biggest challenge is it will be the last match of our road streak,” Foster said. “We’ve been on the road for three weekends now and that’s hard. It’s hard on your body, it’s hard on you mental capacity, so overcoming those and realizing we can be a very clean and crisp team will be our biggest challenge.”

Clean and crisp are two words that describe Northwest’s play this season perfectly and, although things have not been perfect, it can still lay claim to one of the better records in the country. But in order to give Central Missouri a challenge, Northwest will first have to take care of Lindenwood. At first glance, that matchup is one Northwest should take every time, but recent play provides enough reason for the team to not lose sight of execut-

ing at a high level. It may be coming off of two less than ideal performances, but if history is any indication, Northwest is more than ready to bounce back.

NEXT GAMES

- Northwest @ Lindenwood
Oct. 7 @ 7 p.m.
- Northwest @ Central Missouri
Oct. 8 @ 7 p.m.

BIG WIN
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“We were saying we need to get into this and make sure we were doing everything correctly,” Sims said. Sims is hopeful that the squad can keep the winning going as district approaches.

“It just keeps adding to our win,” Sims said. “Hopefully we just keep it going all the way through districts.” Junior Abby Loe led the Spoofhounds in kills with 13, Heitman was second with nine, and sophomore Leah Maass was third with eight. Senior Kailee Swalley led the

squad with 32 digs and Loe was second with 12. Sims led the team with 19 assists and junior Abby Pitts was second with nine. Maryville now looks towards a significant road test coming up when they take on the Chillicothe Cardinals. The Cardinals are 17-6 on the season and will be one of the toughest

est teams the Spoofhounds have faced this season. Coach Kellerstrass thinks Monday’s win gives the team a needed boost with this test coming. “It’s a great way to build our confidence, our next two matches are big conference opponents,” Kellerstrass said. “So we got to go

in there and pull out a win, and this will help us that hopefully.” The Spoofhounds take on the Cardinals Thursday night at Chillicothe.

NEXT GAME

- Maryville @ Smithville
Oct. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Sergi Fontcuberta



The sophomore won four matches advancing to the A singles semifinals at the ITA Fall Regional Championships. He also won in straight sets in each of his four wins in the draw.

Ashley Malloy



The junior goalkeeper recorded four saves in Northwest’s two victories over the weekend. Malloy held both Missouri Southern and Southwest Baptist scoreless during Northwest’s last two wins.

SPOOFHOUNDS



John Zimmerman



The senior running back had 123 yards in reception for three touchdowns in a 39-0 victory over Smithville. He has a team high 448 yards in reception for 11 touchdowns this season.

Lauren Macali



The senior won the MSHSAA Class 1 Section 8 title over Excelsior Springs’ Ashleigh Whitmire Oct. 3. Macali advances to the state tournament for the second straight year.

Running back transfers skills to battlefield

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Maryville senior Bob Bruckner has begun his journey to be a home-town hero as part of the Spoofhound football program.

The 5'10", 160 pound running back leads the Spoofhounds in rushing yards this season. Bruckner plans to shift his focus to something greater than the game of football when he hangs up his cleats for the final time as a Spoofhound.

"I feel like it is my duty as an American citizen to do everything I can to help protect what I love," senior running back Bruckner said. "I love football and I love this country. I love everything about it."

Bruckner will leave Maryville to join the United States Army upon graduation from Maryville High School this spring.

His reasoning is a small part of what defines an American soldier's purpose.

"I've always wanted to do it since I was a little kid," Bruckner said. "I always played army as a kid; I've always wanted to do it my entire life. I finally got the opportunity to do it and my parents helped me out with it. I grabbed the opportunity."

Bruckner made his decision to join the army prior to entering his senior year. Around the same time, he had thoughts of giving up the game he has played so well in this season.

He looked in numerous directions for advice, but ultimately made the decision to continue football to further his physical and mental development.

"My dad, who lives in Philadelphia, talked to a few ROTC guys and

they said it is a really good thing to play football. It builds that mental toughness, that physicality, and you just gotta have that attitude to strive forward and keep pushing. It is 10 percent physical, 90 percent mental."

Coach Matt Webb has seen the discipline within Bruckner grow through the past four years. This growth will help push Bruckner through situations he may face in the army.

"I have been very proud of watching him grow and mature throughout the years in high school," Webb said. "Certainly there are correlations between being involved in a team sport that oftentimes correlates to the branches of the military. Anything you do in life, especially the military, you are going to be involved in a team group setting. Being able to be a good teammate is always something we talk about."

Bruckner has rushed for a total of 490 yards and seven touchdowns. He also has 27 yards in reception this season.

Being recognized for stats is the least of Bruckner's worries. He wants to focus on making his father proud instead.

"It feels amazing," Bruckner said. "When I'm out there on the field, I don't even realize it. I just run and I always tell myself 'this one's for my dad.' I tell him how I'm doing here and he gets to watch the plays and I just want to give him the best."

At the same time, Bruckner helps the offense in more ways than just gaining yards and touchdowns.

"One of the best things Bobby does as a running back is block," Webb said. "In our system, nobody ever brags about that, nobody ever talks about what a great that block that was. Bobby does his job in block-



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior running back Bob Bruckner breaks through the Smithville Warrior defense on his way to a first down Sept. 29. The Spoofhounds defeated the Warriors 39-0 to continue the season 7-0.

ing as much as running the ball."

Bruckner plans to continue building his momentum through his final games at Maryville.

"My personal goals are to strive above and beyond from where I am right now and make sure to take the offensive line with me," Bruckner said. "They help me complete my goals."

Bruckner and the Spoofhounds

have two weeks remaining in the regular season. This week, they travel to take on the Savannah Savages (1-6). The Spoofhounds are looking past the record and preparing for a rivalry game.

"They are definitely good on offense and defense," Webb said. "We have to go on the road for a rival game. We play for the Highway 71 brag-

ging rights. Savannah has been a rival for many years. You look at the records off the book and play this game. We are going to have to focus and go down and beat a rival opponent."

| NEXT GAME |
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| Maryville @ Savannah |
| Oct. 8 @ 2 p.m. |

Consistent front line continues championship level performance

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It doesn't seem to matter who's in, but when the Northwest Missouri offensive line is set, every team is getting its best.

After a convincing 42-17 victory over Central Missouri, the No. 1 ranked Northwest Missouri football team is set to travel six hours to face Central Oklahoma.

The Bearcats' offensive line have been nothing short of spectacular in each one of its first five wins. It may not be the biggest set of 200 pound giants, but the fear of nothing is what sets them apart.

"We're kind of known as the hogs," senior Chase Sherman said. "The nitty gritty group. We get down and dirty in the trenches."

Last season, the Bearcats squeaked by the Central Oklahoma 23-16. A team that has been on the incline over the last two seasons is back in a drought. The team's one win this season came against Missouri Western, which is considered to have the top ranked rushing attack in the MIAA.

The offensive line has been nothing short of a phenomena. Assisting in the Bearcats 20-game win streak, which is the second longest in all divisions of college football. Even with casualties across the board, coach Adam Dorrel seems to keep finding a way to put guys in the right spot.

"You know I don't make excus-

es for injuries," Dorrel said. "But if you do your homework, we have a lot of injuries on the offensive line. We're shuffling guys in and out a lot."

The offensive line has been stable game in and out. Dorrel's plug and play style has worked and cred- it is due to the players mentality every game.

"I'm just really proud of them," Dorrel said. "They may not be the most talented group, but they are a very mentally tough group."

Two linemen that have found their spot in the mix is right guard Kyle Meyer and right tackle Landon Kubicek. Fifth year senior Meyer, who hasn't seen the field much of his career, has started the last two games for Northwest.

The special element to Meyer's game is the experience at the position he's been put in.

"It feels good knowing we have multiple guys that can play multiple positions," senior Chase Sherman said.

Sherman has been the leader of this year's Bearcat front line and couldn't be more satisfied with the diversity in each one of his teammates' ability to make adjustments on the fly.

Kubicek has also found his way as a starter over the last two games and assumed a position not to familiar to him.

"He's never started right tackle before in his life," Dorrel said.

Another young lineman that has seen much playing time this season

is freshman Jacob Cacek

The line has not only filled the gaps in the depth chart but has provided an offensive boost in key situations.

Two examples were in last week's matchup against Central Missouri. In the first quarter of the game, Northwest was on the prowl but faced with a fourth and goal situation at the Mule one-yard line.

The ball was handed to senior running back Phil Jackson II and, with ease, walked into the endzone for the early 7-0 lead.

The second time the Northwest line proved its dominance was during the most critical point of the game. After a back-and-forth first half between the Bearcats and the Mules, Northwest possessed the ball with nine minutes remaining in the third quarter.

On third and short, the Bearcats other go-to veteran back Cameron Wilcox got the carry, finding room on the right sideline. After getting through the first level of lineman, Wilcox was off the races and gone for the 34-yard touchdown. This gave the Bearcats their first breathing room of the contest and a 28-14 advantage.

Two key plays in two possible game deciding situations. Each time the Bearcats rose to the occasion. This week should be no different.

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Northwest resiliency tested after near perfect start

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Since the start of the season, coach Amy Woerth has lauded her team’s ability to show-case its mental toughness when facing adversity.

After a close finish with 2-14 Pitt State and a 3-0 loss to No. 10 Central Oklahoma, it is presented another opportunity to do just that.

“We went down to Pitt State and were down 11-14 in the fifth (set) and came back to win 19-17,” Woerth said. “We showed a lot of resiliency, but I wouldn’t say it was our best match, but any win you can get on the road is a good one and we picked up our third conference win.”

Northwest may have beaten a lackluster Pitt State team by playing at a less than ideal level, but better teams will capitalize on that and a victory will not come as easy. Unfortunately, Northwest learned that lesson the hard way when it traveled to Edmond, Oklahoma, to face off against Central Oklahoma.

“Bottom line is we didn’t execute at the level we needed to,” Woerth said. “It was a humbling experience in the sense of what is to come. They are one of the five ranked teams in our conference, so it was a good preview of what we will face down the road.”

Just to be clear, fault does not fall on a lack of talent. Both players and coaches agree the team did not perform to the level that was expected.

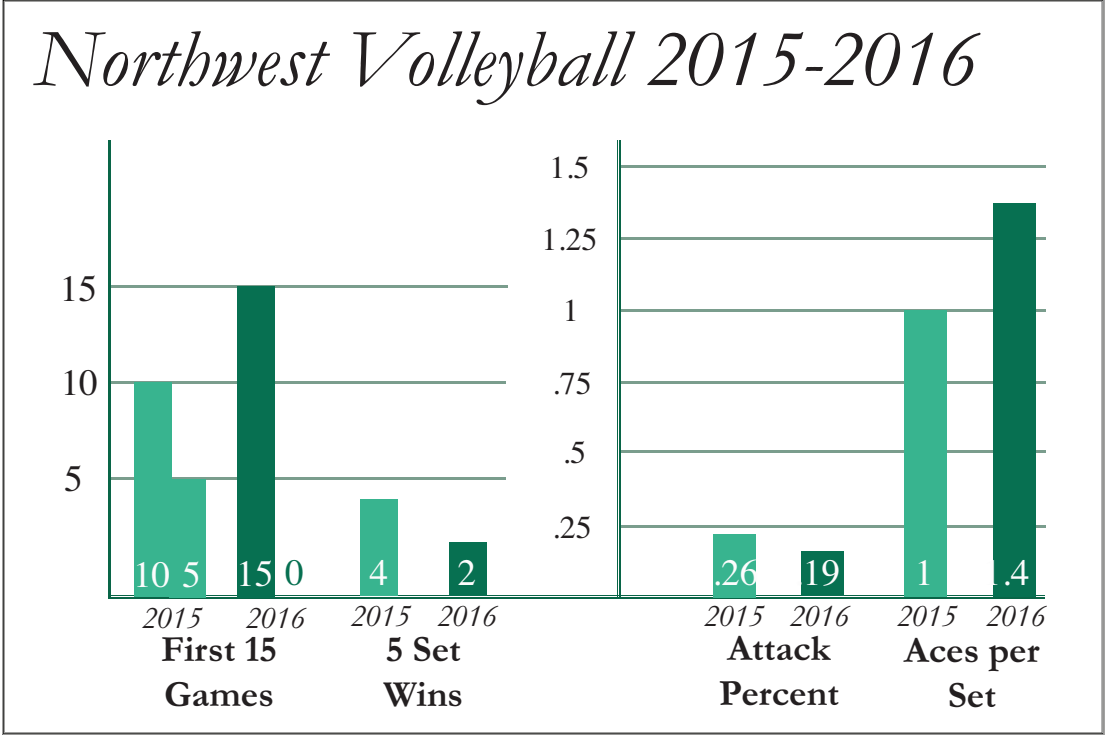


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Junior Taylor Linenberger works on her kill shot technique at practice Oct. 3. Linenberger has averaged .63 points per set in the four matches she has played.

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Bearcats replicate winning ways for first time in 16 years



ALEXANDRA MELO-MORA | NW MISSOURIAN



Go to any home match for Northwest and you will find a moderately large crowd typically serenading the opposing team with boos, chants and a myriad of other diatribes.

Rewind to last year and that may not have been the case. But when teams win, the people usually follow, and winning is something Northwest has been doing a lot of over the past two seasons.

After failing to do so for little over a decade, Northwest is guaranteed consecutive winning seasons following its 3-0 victory over Missouri Western.

Although Northwest’s 15-game winning streak was finally halted by

inter-conference opponent Central Oklahoma, it can still boast about its historical play dating back to the beginning of the 2015 season.

On paper, Northwest’s effectiveness is augmented by playmaking underclassmen, which is reason enough to believe it will continue its winning ways for years to come. Before this year, Northwest’s best start came at the beginning of the 2015 campaign where it darted off to a 5-0 start, which was its best in 15 years.

The upperclassmen that lead the team are few but the leadership they bring to the table is what makes the team flourish.



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SPORTS BRIEF

Maryville tennis sends individual to state

For the second straight year, Maryville senior Lauren Macali has advanced to the Class 1 State finals.

Macali defeated Excelsior Springs’ Ashleigh Whitmire 6-1, 6-0 to advance to state in Kansas City, MO.

The Spoofhound senior went as part of a doubles team in the previous season, but will be the first year going to state as a singles athlete.

Sophomore Marena Mendez fell in a close knitted match to Excelsior Springs’ Emily Buck 6-2, 6-7 (5-7). Mende fought but has much promise considering the underclassman will have two more cracks at making it to the big dance.

The senior duo of Bailey White and Bethel Orshiso lost in straight sets to Amy Kellenberger and Molly Heinzler from St. Pius X 6-3, 6-2. The doubles team will have one more chance to advance to state tournament as part of the team effort when the Spoofhounds take on St. Pius X in Kansas City at 9 a.m. Oct. 8.

Spoofhounds to carry big win into final stretch

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The Maryville Volleyball team gets some needed confidence in a victory over the Plattsburg Tigers.



After a sluggish start in the first set, the Spoofhounds rebounded to control most of the match Monday night. Coach Connor Kellerstrass did not have an answer for why the squad struggled early.

“We’re normally a pretty fast starting team,” Kellerstrass said. “So it was kind of a surprise to me.”

In the first set, Maryville lost 25-23 but went on an 8-3 run that almost won them the set. The Spoofhounds continued that momentum with a 14-2 run to close out their 25-14 win in the second set. The third set was all Spoofhounds with a dominating 25-10 winning performance finishing a 2-1 victory for the hounds.

“We’re a pretty fundamentally sound team and anytime we can get our offense going we’re usually a pretty dangerous team,” Kellerstrass said. “We really picked up the tempo and did exactly what we wanted to do.”

Senior Paige Heitman said their lack of enthusiasm was to blame for the slow start.

“Partly, it was our energy. We lost one point and it turned into ten,” Heitman said. “We started out really slow, and then we picked it up.”

Heitman thought the hounds speeding the game up was key to their victory.

“We played quicker,” Heitman said. “We ran more quick balls and we got more consistent and everything was clicking.”

Maryville was also celebrating pink out night for breast cancer awareness month. The players were heavily involved with getting the celebration in order.

“I think we were really focused on getting all the pink out stuff together so we weren’t really into the game yet, but then we started to get rolling and it ended well,” Senior Halley Sims said.

Sims and the Spoofhounds knew their play needed to step up after the first set.

“We were saying we need to get

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HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Felicia Sheil attempts to tip the ball over a Plattsburg defender during the Spoofhounds Spike Out game Monday, Oct. 3. Maryville went on to win the match.